

ADELINE BALLARD.

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Mr. OVERMAN, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9428.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9428) granting an increase of pension to Adeline Ballard, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

Adeline Ballard, of Ansonville, N. C., is the widow of John Ballard, late of Company C, First Regiment North Carolina Volunteer Infantry, who enlisted January 22, 1847, for the war with Mexico, and was honorably discharged August 17, 1848. The soldier died February 6, 1891, and the claimant is now receiving the pension of \$8 per month allowed by law to the widows of soldiers of said war. She married Mr. Ballard July 26, 1849, and the evidence accompanying the bill shows that she is very old, totally blind and helpless, and without means other than her pension.

Your committee believe this case to be an especially deserving one, and the passage of the bill is therefore recommended.